

**PACK POLL**  
**Spring 2018 NCSU STUDENT FLASH POLL**  
**FINAL TOPLINE REPORT**  
**N= 782; Response rate = 22%; Sampling error = +/-3.4%**

This survey on religious tolerance was conducted in seven days, March 27 – April 2, 2018. The poll was conducted over the internet, drawing on a random sample of NCSU undergraduates. For more information about the survey, contact JT @ jtklimek@ncsu.edu. For inquires about the Pack Poll, contact Dr. Michael Cobb @ mike\_cobb@ncsu.edu

Q1: Do you support or oppose the use of the death penalty?

Support.....57%  
Oppose.....43%

Q2a: In a current Supreme Court case, Masterpiece Cakeshop v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission, a Colorado baker is accused of having violated the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act by refusing to make a cake for a same-sex couple on the basis of religious beliefs. Should the Colorado baker be required to bake the cake for the same-sex couple, or should he be permitted to refuse to bake the cake?

The Colorado baker should be required to make the wedding cake.....42%  
The Colorado baker should be permitted to refuse to make the wedding cake.....58%

Q2b: Should a baker be required to bake a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, or should he be permitted to refuse to bake the cake on the basis of religious beliefs?

The Colorado baker should be required to make the wedding cake.....41%  
The Colorado baker should be permitted to refuse to make the wedding cake.....59%

Q2c: Should a baker be required to bake a cake for a same-sex couple, or should he be permitted to refuse to bake the cake on the basis of religious beliefs?

The Colorado baker should be required to make the cake.....46%  
The Colorado baker should be permitted to refuse to make the cake.....54%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of three different versions of this question. The first version was the only iteration to provide background information on the relevant Supreme Court case. Furthermore, the second specified the cake was being made for a same-sex wedding while the third version did not specify the cake was a wedding cake.

Q3: Should public schools be allowed to offer optional classes studying the (Bible/Koran) from a religious perspective?

<u>Bible</u>	<u>Koran</u>
Yes.....56%	Yes.....57%
No.....28%	No.....24%
No Opinion/Don't Know.....16%	No Opinion/Don't Know.....19%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two different versions of this question. The first asked students for their opinions on the Bible being taught in public schools while the second asked students about teaching the Koran in public schools.

Q4: In general, do you think immigrants are beneficial or detrimental to the United States?

Beneficial.....83%
Detrimental.....17%

Q5: Should (Christian churches/religious institutions) that decline to recognize or perform same-sex marriages lose their tax-exempt status?

<u>Christian churches</u>	<u>Religious institutions</u>
Yes.....27%	Yes.....28%
No.....55%	No.....54%
Don't Know/ No opinion.....18%	Don't Know/ No opinion.....18%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two different versions of this question. The first asked students if Christian churches should lose their tax exempt status for declining to recognize same-sex marriages while the second asked about generic religious institutions.

Q6: Regardless of your support or opposition to the following idea, do you think a bill intending to restrict (Islamic/Christian) immigration would be constitutional?

<u>Islamic</u>		<u>Christian</u>	
Yes.....	14%	Yes.....	9%
No.....	74%	No.....	75%
Don't Know/ No opinion.....	12%	Don't Know/ No opinion.....	16%

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of two different versions of this question. The first asked students if a bill intending to restrict Islamic immigration would be constitutional while the second asked about a bill restricting Christian immigration.

Q7: In general, do you think (organized religion/Christianity/Islam) is beneficial or detrimental to society?

<u>Organized religion</u>	<u>Christianity</u>	<u>Islam</u>
Beneficial.....	Beneficial.....	Beneficial.....
Detrimental.....	Detrimental.....	Detrimental.....

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\*\* Respondents were randomly assigned one of three different versions of this question. The first asked students organized religion was beneficial or detrimental to society while the second and third asked about Christianity and Islam respectively.

Q8: In general, do you think political correctness is beneficial or detrimental to the United States?

Beneficial.....	49%
Detrimental.....	51%

Q9: Former Vice President Joe Biden recently said he would have, "beat the hell out of" President Donald Trump had they been in high school together. Trump responded via Twitter, "Crazy Joe Biden is trying to act like a tough guy. Actually, he is weak, both mentally and physically... he would go down fast and hard crying all the way." In a hypothetical fistfight between Donald Trump and Joe Biden, who do you think would be most likely to win?

Donald Trump.....	30%
Joe Biden.....	70%

Q10: Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, Republican, or Independent?

Democrat.....33%  
Republican.....26%  
Independent.....42%

Q10-follow-up: (If respondent answered "Independent" for previous question) As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or Democratic Party?

Democratic.....40%  
Republican.....22%  
Neither.....38%

Q11: When it comes to (SOCIAL/ECONOMIC) issues in politics, do you think of yourself as a liberal, a moderate, or a conservative?

<u>Social</u>	<u>Economic</u>
Very conservative.....4%	Very conservative.....9%
Conservative.....22%	Conservative.....34%
Neither conservative nor liberal.....22%	Neither conservative nor liberal.....31%
Liberal.....37%	Liberal.....21%
Very liberal.....15%	Very liberal.....5%

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\*\* Respondents were asked both versions of the question.

Q12: What is your sex?

Male.....49%  
Female.....51%

Q13: What is your preferred racial identity?

White/Caucasian.....78%  
Black/African-American.....6%  
Hispanic.....4%  
Asian-American.....5%  
Native American.....1%  
Other.....5%

Q14: What is your religious affiliation, if any?

Protestant.....	23%
Roman Catholic.....	12%
Other Christian.....	21%
Mormon.....	1%
Muslim.....	1%
Hindu.....	1%
Jewish.....	1%
Something Else.....	3%
Agnostic.....	11%
Atheist.....	11%
Nothing in particular.....	16%

Q15: What year in school are you considered?

Freshman.....	27%
Sophomore.....	21%
Junior.....	28%
Senior.....	25%

Q16: Which college do you study under at NC State (pick all that apply, majors only).

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.....	10%
College of Design.....	2%
College of Education.....	2%
College of Engineering.....	30%
College of Humanities and Social Sciences.....	20%
College of Natural Resources.....	6%
Poole College of Management.....	11%
College of Sciences.....	16%
College of Textiles.....	3%
College of Veterinary Medicine.....	0%